

The West Ender

By and for
the West End Neighborhood

May 2001

Highlights from the April 3, 2001 Meeting

Membership Committee: Current membership includes 142 members/households now. George Bryan encouraged members to take membership forms to pass out on their street to help reach the goal of 200 households. Completed forms and dues can be dropped off to either Dan Falken (652 Summit St) or George and Ann (813 West End Blvd). Leann Simpson won the two free smoothies for being the first person to bring to this meeting a new membership (her own!). **Treasurer's Report:** Dan Falken reported that \$10,000 of our funds (Rainy Day Fund) were put into a rolling 6-month CD in February. **Police Report:** Officer Sandy Bohland gave credit to Sgt. Southern and others of the department for the investigation of the West End burglaries that has resulted in the arrest of two people. They were caught via their cell phone records. Some of the stolen property was confiscated by police, some has been retrieved from a local pawn shop. **First Street Detour.** The police also reported that First Street will be closed between Hawthorne Street and the Business 40 ramp for an extended period of time in order to redo the concrete and reinforce the section of roadway that is built over Peters Creek.



"Beyond Your Blanket"

April 29, 1-6 pm at Grace Court

The first of what may be a monthly series of community picnics is this Sunday. The non-WEA event is the idea of three Winston-Salem friends who wanted to provide a new way for folks to share with each other and network local

Save the Houses Committee: Kathleen Ramich reported that committee members were attempting to set up individual meetings with the various aldermen following the letter sent them by Wanda Merschel. It was noted that the smallest of the Y houses was scheduled to be moved to a nearby lot in mid-April. It was voted to re-send the letter that Eric Elliott wrote last year with a letter to the Metro YMCA to reiterate the position of the Association on the movement of the house, to insure that all parties concerned are clear that the Association supported relocation only if all other avenues for preservation on-site had failed. Relocation was not to be seen as facilitating the demolition of the remaining houses. **Augsburg Lutheran Church** has requested the Association's support of their proposal to rezone their church, parking lot and detailing store to PB (Pedestrian Business). They are currently grandfathered-in as a nonconforming use in a residential zone. A motion was passed supporting Augsburg's proposal. **Welcome Committee:** Paige Lester-Niles reported that they are putting together a packet for new West End homeowners. It was also suggested that something be done to welcome incoming apartment dwellers. It was

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From our Co-Presidents:

We continue to be very happy about the renewed "getting-together" that is happening in the West End. Our membership numbers continue a steady climb, insuring that we will be able to advocate – and facilitate – successfully on your behalf. **Thanks to John and Wanda Merschel** for hosting another successful social for us in April. **May's social event** is at the home of our Association's Treasurer, Dan Falken. The whole Falken family invites you to stop by 652 Summit Street and say hello from 6:00-8:00 pm on Friday, May 11. Note that this is a week later than originally scheduled. We look forward to seeing you and your neighbors there on the 11th.

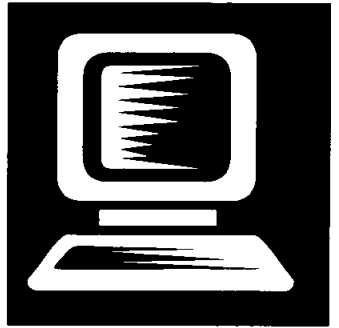
We also encourage as many of you as can to join our new **West End Association ListServ**. If you have email, this a great way to keep in touch about events that affect our neighborhood. It has been especially welcomed by those who can't make our Tuesday night monthly meetings. It's an easy way for you to feel a part of our special community. What information do you get each month? Billy Keith Jones provides an updated list of houses active, pending or sold on the real estate market. We'll send you updated police reports and alerts as we get them. Our social committee will remind you of upcoming events in which you can participate. You'll have information to give direct feedback to us and to the other board members about issues that are important to you. Alderman Merschel will post you on issues facing West Enders. And other announcements of community interest – lost and found, congratulations, and the like – will be a regular though never invasive part of your e-mailbox.

How can you sign on? Log on to the West End Association web page:


<http://www.actionsspeak.org/westend>

From there, scroll down the page to the section describing the ListServ and click on the links to sign in for the service. Our **thanks to West Ender David Elam** for his great work on this project and the outstanding job he does on our Web Page every month

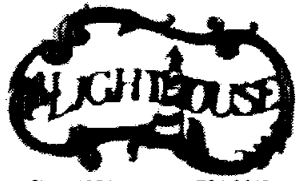
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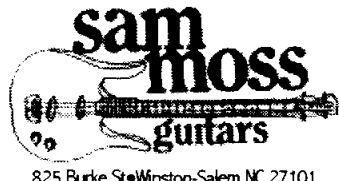
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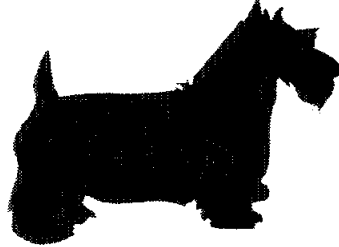


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OFF-LEASH DOG PARK SURVEY

We are trying to find out how the community feels about establishing an off-leash dog park in the West End. We are considering Spring Park, at the intersection of Broad and West End Blvd., as a good area. The park would require changing the city ordinance prohibiting off-leash dogs and building a fence around the park. Would you be willing to sign a petition in support of such a project? Please email your feedback and comments to Nora Garver at ngarver@triad.rr.com. You may also drop her a note at 1224 Glade St., or call her at 722-3626.

News from the April 3, 2001 Meeting (continued)

Social Committee: The first monthly social was held at the home of George Bryan and Ann Dougherty and had 35 attendees. The next social was at Wanda and John Merschel's house April 6. It was also proposed that we collaborate with the West End Garden Club to do some plantings. It was decided that a picnic would be planned for the July 4th timeframe and a Halloween celebration would also be considered. **By-Laws Committee:** Vivian Thompson is revising the by-laws with the help of the board. Attorney Tom Ross and Bill Sugg were mentioned as good sources for the history of the by-laws. Contact Vivian if you wish to help. **HDO Review:** In 1993 after many months of work by dedicated West Enders, the West End was designated a Local Historic Overlay District. At that time a set of Design Review Guidelines for the district were written to establish criteria which identify design concerns and help property owners ensure that exterior alterations respect the character of the individual property and the district as a whole. After eight years of continued reinvestment and improvements in the district, it is time to review those guidelines. In the coming months we will be meeting to discuss the guidelines and the possibility of updating them. If you would like to participate in this process, contact Lisa Elam at 724-5282 or lisaelam@workmail.com.

HDC meeting: The monthly HDC meeting (first Wednesday of each month at 5:30pm in City Hall South) was announced. The historic district commission and the zoning board of adjustment were to go behind closed doors to address their opposing views on front-yard residential parking slab construction. **Burke Street Lighting:** Fifteen Burke Street merchants have requested that gas lights be installed on the street. Initial costs are estimated at \$120,000. The merchants have also requested additional police for the area. Several members of the WEA met with the Planning Department regarding the proposed change in zoning to PB-S for Burke Street. Alderman Merschel asked for a couple of people to meet with




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Walking in the West End

One of the great joys of living in our neighborhood is the way we really enjoy being pedestrians. And not in a "pedestrian" way, mind you. So much of the beauty that is the West End cannot be appreciated from the seat of a car. There's the detail of the landscaping and gardening so many of you do. And the carpentry work in the housing styles: Queen Anne (Victorian doo-dad lite), Colonial Revival (think pediment over the door), and Craftsman (think one-story cozy). This neighborhood will embrace you if you let it envelop you along a sidewalk. To keep that feeling alive, those of us with sidewalk frontage need to keep our sidewalks clear of obstruction. In my case it's pruning a Vinca that wants to reach out and grab ankles. For others, it's overhanging limbs and branches that need to be pared back. For many, it's making sure your property's retaining wall is kept tidy and repaired. Please keep our pedestrian lifestyle safe and enjoyable by keeping your sidewalk areas obstacle-free. Our togetherness means it's not safe to have to walk into the street to avoid problem sidewalks. Help us keep West End walks happy walks.

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